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## THE NEWS.

**The British Troops Occupying  
Cabal.**

**The Washington Banks Resume  
Specie Payments.**

**An Ohio Man Gets Twenty  
Years for Killing His  
Wife.**

**A Brutal Murder Near the  
Oneida Reservation.**

**Chicago Proposes a Monument  
to the Late Colonel  
Armstrong.**

## MARKETS.

Special to the Gazette.  
Chicago, Dec. 23—No 2 spring wheat, cash  
82½¢; December, 83½¢; January, 83½¢;  
No 3 spring wheat, cash, at 69½¢;  
No 2, 70½¢; No 3, 69½¢.  
CORN—No 2 cash, 30½¢; December 30½¢;  
January 30½¢.  
BARLEY—Extra No 3 cash, 42½¢; cents.

## CHICAGO WEATHER.

Special to the Gazette.  
Chicago, Dec. 24.—The thermometer  
here stood at zero all day. The snow has  
drifted badly.

## THE CLARK MURDER.

Special to the Gazette.  
Chicago, Dec. 24.—The testimony in  
the Clark murder trial has been concluded,  
and the arguments have been commenced.

## CABINET CHANGE.

Special to the Gazette.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Sher-  
man's friends say that he has decided to re-  
sign as soon as assumption becomes a fixed  
fact and Congress adjourns.

## HOT SPRINGS.

Special to the Gazette.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—It is now con-  
fidently predicted that the Hot Springs in-  
vestigation will result in nothing.

## PEDESTRIANISM.

Special to the Gazette.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—In the walking  
match Campans was ten miles ahead of  
O'Leary at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

## AFGHANISTAN.

Jelallabad Occupied—A Commu-  
nication from the Amer.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—General Browne tele-  
graphs from Jelallabad, 20th inst., as fol-  
lows: "We occupied this city to-day. The  
inhabitants are friendly."

A telegram from Calcutta says the nota-  
bles of Jelallabad came out to meet the  
British troops. The same dispatch also  
says the Amer. left Cabul on the 10th in-  
stant.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Jel-  
allabad, dated the 20th, says Major Cay-  
nard to-day received an important com-  
munication from the Amer. the contents  
of which have not yet been made known.

## RESUMPTION.

The Washington Banks Paying out  
Gold the Same as Currency.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—For the first  
time in seventeen years gold came into  
general circulation here to-day. The  
banks paid it out on checks the same as  
currency, customers taking it without  
murmur in most instances. Travelers and  
those expecting to leave the city immedi-  
ately objected to gold and called for cur-  
rency. Bankers here are of the opinion  
that, as soon as the gold novelty wears  
off, currency will be altogether the most  
popular medium. A tour of the business  
houses showed that many of them had  
taken in more gold than paper.

## CHOPPED TO DEATH.

An Oneida Indian Near the Reserva-  
tion.

APPLETON, Wis., Dec. 23.—James Gar-  
vey, of Freedom, was killed early Sunday  
morning by an Oneida Indian. Garvey  
lived near the reservation, and was in the  
habit of selling liquor to the Indians for  
which he has been arrested several times.  
On Saturday night a drunken debauch  
was held at his house, and getting into a  
quarrel with the Indian, the latter chopped  
Garvey literally to pieces with an ax. The  
murderer has been arrested, and is now in  
jail here.

## A MONUMENT.

In Memory of the Late George B.  
Armstrong.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The executive com-  
mittee of the George B. Armstrong mem-  
orial association has decided to take active  
measures to raise the amount necessary for  
erecting a statue in the custom house and  
postoffice to the late Colonel Armstrong, in  
honor of his distinguished services in origi-  
nating and organizing the postal car sys-  
tem. Circulars will be sent to postoffice  
employees and others interested in the fur-  
therance of this object.

## FOR RENT.

RACINE, Dec. 23.—The Racine county  
and city delegation is solid for Carpenter  
for United States Senator.

## TWENTY YEARS.

TOLDO, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Louis Allen-  
baugh, the wife killer, who was found  
guilty of manslaughter, was to-day sen-  
tenced to twenty years in the penitentiary,  
the longest term allowed by law.

## WINTER WEATHER.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The weather is severe  
throughout Great Britain, there being a  
heavy snowfall here and in many parts of  
the continent. All the railways in the  
North of Scotland are blocked, and traffic  
is suspended. Seven trains are snowed  
up. In some places it has covered 12 feet high.  
It is the heaviest snowfall in thirty years.

## THE SUMNER STATUE.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 23.—The statue of  
Charles Sumner, authorized by the meet-  
ing in Faneuil Hall in March, 1874, was  
unveiled to-day by Gov. Rice. The statue  
is in the Public Garden.

THE RIDERS OF THE GREEN  
BALDRIC.

## A ROMANCE OF FEUDAL TIMES.

The traveller of to-day would find the  
country of which I write vastly different  
in appearance and in condition, from what  
it was in those times long ago.  
Louis XI, king of France, but king  
only in name. The great feudal lords of  
the provinces were sovereign princes,  
holding government in their own right.  
The kings of Christendom themselves  
were little else than robbers on a large  
scale.

It was a dull, lowery day, the seven-  
teenth of August, in the year of our Lord  
fourteen hundred and eighty-eight, at Al-  
sford, which was then within the Grand  
Duchy of Luxembourg, and the summer  
residence of the grand duke.

On this dismal August day the Grand  
Duke John stood in the outer court of his  
castle, the gates of which were thrown  
wide open, looking upon a number of  
children who were at play upon the vel-  
vety sward. Three of them were children  
of his own—two boys and a girl—and three  
others were children of one of his foresters,  
Galen Picard by name. Of the duke's  
children Isabella was the oldest, having  
seen eight years. Leon was the next, aged  
six years; and the youngest was Alfred,  
aged four. The children of the forester  
were two girls and a boy, and very nearly  
of the same ages, respectively, as their  
titled mates. The boys had been foster-  
brothers, the wife of the forester having  
nursed them both.

On the present occasion the children  
were engaged in sport, and the duke's face  
brightened at their gleesome shouts and  
laughter reached him. By and by the two  
foster-brothers seeing him, ran towards  
him.

"Ha, my little heroes!" he cried, as the  
boys came up, "where are your quarter-  
staves? I haven't seen you exercise for a  
long time."

With a whoop and a bound the lads  
dashed away, and very soon returned with  
the staves—two sticks of tough ash,  
wrought very nearly into the forms of  
spearheads and at a signal from the duke  
they took position, and very plainly, ere  
a dozen paces had been made, that they  
had eagerly pursued the sport, and that  
they had been blessed with the teaching of  
a thorough master.

John of Luxembourg was not the only  
witness of the boyish passage at arms. In  
the doorway of a lodge close at hand stood  
a woman, the mother of Leon Picard, and  
she called a companion to witness.

"Tell me, Mignon," the mother said,  
"are they not brave boys?"

"Indeed they are, Barbara, and were it  
not for the clothes who could tell which  
was the lord's son?"

"Who, indeed?" exclaimed Barbara  
Picard, "my own eyes told me that the fine  
velvet and the gold which the other Leon  
wears, he would be every bit as grand."

"Polish woman," said a voice behind  
her, "outward apparel cannot make a hero.  
Look. See your Leon's weapon flying  
through the air."

She turned, and beheld the duke's sec-  
retary, Zeta Bethoni, who, besides attend-  
ing to his master's literary wants, acted as  
tutor to the children.

As might be gathered from the exclaima-  
tion of the scribe the playful combat be-  
tween the two boys had resulted in per-  
ching victory upon the banner of Luxem-  
bourg. The duke regarded his son proudly,  
and then turned with smiling face to the  
forester's son.

"My little hero," he said, "your effort just  
put me to the test, and you are worthy to  
own a sword, and you shall have one;  
and you shall go to Bittsburg to-morrow  
and select one for yourself; and my own  
Leon and our good Bethoni shall go with  
you. Ah! here comes Bethoni. I see Miss  
Picard yonder, and the other children are  
running towards her. Do you two join them."

Suddenly the tramp of horses was heard,  
and Bethoni rushed forward to close the  
main barrier.

"Did you see the advancing troop, my  
lord?" he asked of the duke.

"I saw a few horses ride out from the  
wood."

"And marked you not who let them?"  
"I saw a knight in black armor."

"Oh, John of Luxembourg, if you knew  
all the know you would be arming.  
Those are the Black Riders of Gravelot,  
and he at their head is Maillotin du Bac!"

"Du Bac?" cried John, with a convulsive  
start. "The Black Riders! They have  
joined the Count de Charolais!"

"Aye—and for that reason they are here!  
Can you not understand? The count means,  
if possible, to possess himself of the  
knights-errant. I received a hint to that  
effect from a wayfaring monk not an hour  
since, and was on my way to you with the  
intelligence but now, little thinking the  
enemy was so near."

The duke saw his danger and hastened  
into the keep to arm himself.

The Black Riders of Gravelot Castle had  
long been the terror of the whole country.  
Originally marshalled by a Bohemian  
knights-errant, Sir Raoul de Langwolf,  
they had grown from a score to a troop of  
two hundred, and not only did they attack  
castles and villages for purposes of  
plunder, but they had more than once suc-  
cessfully turned their arms against incor-  
porated cities. Latest lawless foray had  
accepted service under the Count de  
Charolais, and John of Luxembourg knew  
very well that they would not thus appear  
upon his domain without direction from  
their lord and master.

By the time the leader of the Black  
Riders had reached the outer gate, the  
approach to the castle had been secured,  
and its forces mustered to the number of  
five and sixty. Of the enemy—half a hundred  
all strong men, and well armed; and when  
they had drawn up before the outer bar-  
ricade their herald sounded a blast upon his  
trumpet, which called the grand duke an-  
swered in person. His secretary and the  
chief of his officers sought to dissuade him  
from exposing himself, but he would not listen.

He mounted one of the smaller towers  
in advance of the main tower of the bar-  
ricade in one of the most exposed positions  
he could have selected, and demanded to  
know upon what errand the troop had come.

"We hold not conference with your cas-  
tle walls between us," answered the black  
knight, whose voice, and whose whole  
bearing and stalwart presence, John recog-  
nized as belonging to Raoul de Langwolf.  
"Throw open your gates and you shall  
quickly know our pleasure. If you put us  
to the labor of forcing our way it shall be  
the worse for those who else may not suf-  
fer."

At this juncture a second knight rode up  
and spoke with the Bohemian. He was  
cased in plate armor, with his visor closed,  
but Zeta Bethoni, who had come to his  
master's side, recognized him.

"Ha!" the secretary cried, clutching the  
duke's arm, "that is the fiend incarnate. It  
is Burgundy's butcher, Maillotin du Bac!  
He would not be here if Charles had not  
planned bloody work. I fear my lord—  
Down!"

But the note of alarm came too late. A  
tall, broad-shouldered archer had advanced  
with Maillotin du Bac, who, at a sign from  
the latter, raised his heavy bow, with a  
long, steel barbed, finely feathered arrow  
adjusted to the string, and drew to the  
very arrow's head. John of Luxembourg  
stood with his visor raised, and his whole  
face exposed. He heard Bethoni's cry,  
and saw the stout archer of the black bald-  
ric, but he was too late to avoid the fatal  
shaft. As an echo to the warning came the  
vengeful twang of the bow-string, and the  
steel point, with its following barb, entered  
the duke's right eye, crashing through the  
bone of the orbit, and burying itself deep  
in the brain. He fell back dead into Beth-  
oni's arms.

The secretary bore the body down to the  
pavement below, where he was just in  
season to meet a score of the Black Riders  
who had gained entrance.

It was not enough that the grand duke  
should die. Charles had decreed and or-  
dered that the whole household should be  
put to the sword, and his devoted hench-  
man, Maillotin du Bac, was the man to  
obey. The number of the grand duke's  
children was known, and Du Bac saw the  
terrible order executed. Where he had  
found the Prince Leon, whom he at once  
recognized by his tell-tale garb, he had  
found another boy of nearly the same age,  
and him he was about to slay, in spite of  
the tears and prayers of the poor mother  
who clung to him, when the Black Knight  
of Bohemia came.

"What is all this?" De Langwolf deman-  
ded as he approached.

"Oh, good sir! noble knight!—he is my  
boy!—my own Leon! Oh, spare him! Spare  
him!"

"Shaw! let the brat live," said the Black  
knight.

"But this little viper is as spiteful as a  
tiger," returned Du Bac. "Zounds! he  
came near knocking one of my men over  
with a club. Look at him. Look at his  
eyes. He don't ask for life. I tell you he  
must die. If he lives he will live to give  
us trouble."

"No," persisted the Bohemian. "John  
of Luxembourg and all his family are dead,  
but this little measure. Here, my good  
woman, take your boy, and when he  
is grown old enough to bear arms, let  
him come to me, and I will give him ser-  
vice."

Maillotin du Bac chafed angrily, and  
would have cut the boy down had not the  
Black Knight declared it to have become a  
personal matter.

"Strike the poor forester's boy," said he,  
"and you strike me!"

And so the life of the boy was saved;  
and Du Bac muttered, as he turned  
away:

"I tell you that boy will live to give us  
trouble!"

And his words were prophetic.

Eight years had passed since the massa-  
cre of Alsford, and the prince who had in-  
vestigated that wicked work still plotted and  
sought for power. He had not come to the  
dual throne of Burgundy, though the  
event was not far distant. Philip the  
Good still lived, and reigned in name,  
but Charles the Bold, his son and heir,  
was the responsible prince and arbitra-  
tor.

It was early in the day—a day of late au-  
tumn—clear, bright, and beautiful. The  
air was crisp and bracing. Upon a broad  
plain, at the foot of the slopes upon which  
stood the town of Mont'Henry, was marsh-  
alled an army under the banner of Louis of  
France. The distance from Paris was not  
more than five leagues.

Little more than a bow-shot distant, with  
an insignificant tributary of the Esonee  
between them, lay another army spread  
over a greater territory, and displaying va-  
rious banners. A fine effort was to be  
made to hurl Louis from his throne. His  
own brother, the Duke of Berry, was at  
the head of the insurgent force, aided by  
Charles of Burgundy.

It was a dubious prospect for King Louis.  
The coalition against him was strong, and  
led by veteran chieftains; but he did not  
falter. It was evident that the main battle  
was to be fought upon his right. Against  
that wing, on the opposite side, were mar-  
shalled the forces of Burgundy and the  
Low Countries, under Charles the Bold,  
and to meet them Louis had appointed his  
well-tried, faithful henchman, knight and  
baron, Sir John St. Hubert.

In a low-rolled cut, closely by where rest-  
ed the right wing of the royal forces, sat  
two generals of division in Louis' over-  
sight. They were the barons John St. Hubert  
and Olin Lavelette. St. Hubert was a man of fifty, tall and muscu-  
lar, and cased in armor, only his head  
being bare. Lavelette was his lieutenant, to  
whom Sir John was giving directions for  
the coming battle. While they thus con-  
ferred a door was noiselessly opened, and  
a youth entered unannounced.

"Ah, Leon!" cried St. Hubert, as the  
youth approached, "you have come just in  
time. Have you examined the fords below us?"

"Not only that, my lord," answered the  
boy, "but I have discovered the disposi-  
tion of the enemy beyond."

The youth then hurried away, and when  
he had gone, and the door had been  
closed behind him, said Lavelette:

"Sir John, I wish you would tell me ex-  
actly who that boy is."

"If you will keep the story to yourself I  
will give it to you. Do you call to mind—  
it is now a little more than eight years  
past—the fearful tragedy of Alsford Castle?  
The boy Leon was a brand plucked from  
that burning. He is a wonderful boy. Ah!  
I think the lad is coming. Remember—I  
have told you this in confidence. You will  
not speak of it to another."

Lavelette gave the promise required, and  
directly afterwards Leon entered, accom-  
panied by Sir Andrew Neville.

St. Hubert very soon made the English  
knight comprehend what is required of  
him, and when he had gone the old gen-  
eral turned to Leon, the two being at that  
moment alone.

"Hark! Ha! there sounds Clement's  
trumpet! My dear boy, here is a packet.  
It I come from the field this day alive, you  
will return it to me; if I fall, it is yours."

"I pledge my word, my lord," returned  
the boy, taking the packet. Directly after-  
wards St. John and his devoted protegee  
were in their saddle, and at a word from  
the chief the latter dashed away to marshal  
the forces of St. Hubert.

While they were surveying the field a  
messenger came dashing up from the king,  
eager and breathless.

"My lord," he said, addressing the Baron  
St. Hubert, "the enemy have brought up  
from Chantres ten large cannon, and have  
placed them standing astride the fallen  
baron. 'Is it thou, my hero?' I tush, I'll  
take the pair of you, but punish you first  
for your insolence. What think you of the  
weight of that blade?"

Evidently the future Provost of Burgun-  
dy, to become butler-in-chief of Charles  
the Bold, thought to cleave the skull of  
the venturesome youth from crown to  
chin, but he struck at one who was quick  
to see and quick to act. Without changing  
his position of body to the variation of a  
hair, Leon threw up his left arm, with his  
circular target affixed thereto, and the  
slightly conic surface, highly tempered  
and polished, turned aside the descending  
blade, as though it had been a leaf of wood.

Du Bac raised his sword a second time.  
The above we publish as a specimen chap-  
ter; but the continuation of this story will  
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